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TONY STARK

IRON MAN

SELF-MADE
MAN

PART 1



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Billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark was kidnapped during a routine weapons test. His captors attempted to force him to build a weapon of mass destruction. Instead he created a powered suit of armor that saved his life. From that day on, he used the suit to protect the world as the invincible Avenger Iron Man.

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SELF-MADE MAN: PART ONE
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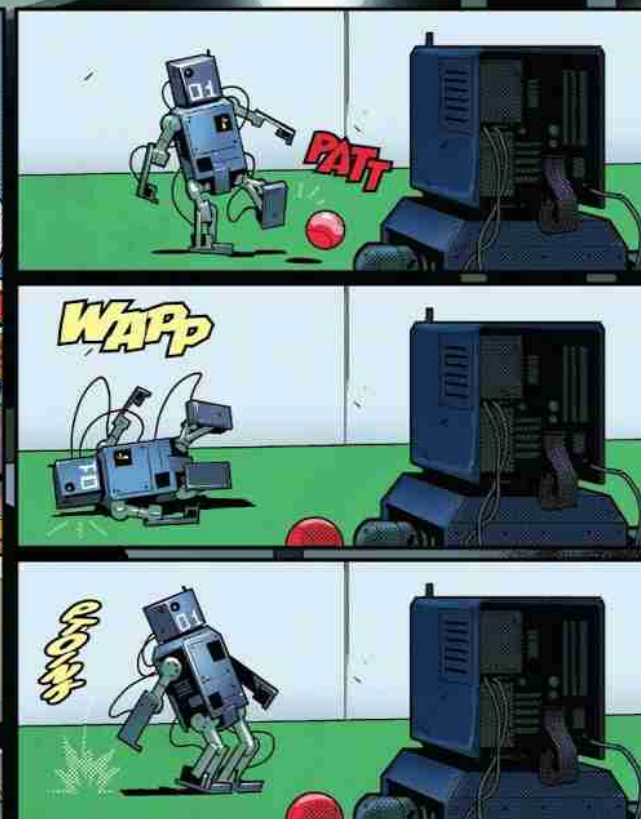
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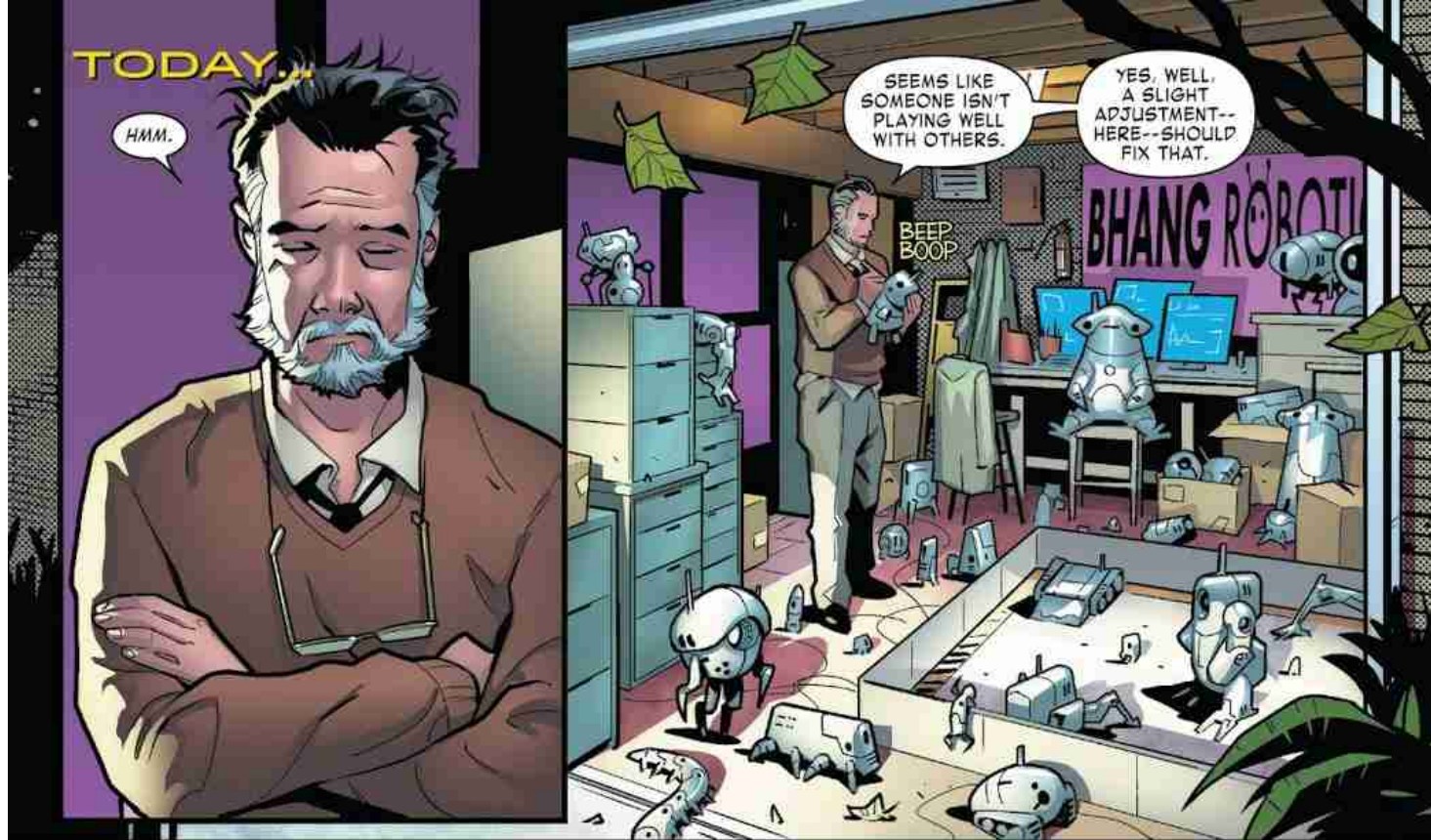
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WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK.



WE'RE HERE: STARK UNLIMITED.

I'M IN A FLYING CAR! YOUR CAR FLIES!

ANDY, YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THAT SINCE QUEENS.

AT S.U., YOU SHOULD BE SURPRISED IF OUR CARS DON'T FLY. C'MON, MAN, GET WITH THE PROGRAM.



TONY STARK! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH...

...YOU BRING AN UNVETTED PERSON UP ON MY ROOF? SWEAR TO GOD, I WILL VAPORIZE HIM JUST TO TEACH YOU A LESSON.

HUH?

ANDY BHANG, MEET BETHANY CABE, OUR HEAD OF SECURITY.

ANDY'S OUR NEW MVP OF THE ROBOTICS DIVISION. I'LL PUT HIM IN THE SYSTEM TONIGHT.



I-I HAVE PICTURES OF MY FAMILY ON MY PHONE--

"HAD" ANDY, BIGGER PICTURE. YOU'RE AT S.U. NOW! LET ME GIVE YOU THE GRAND TOUR.

YAPPA YAPPA, BREATHABLE WATER TRIALS, BLAH BLAH BLAH, ANTI-GRAVITY PING-PONG ROOM.

TALKING CATS AND DOGS LIVING TOGETHER. ALL VERY EXCITING, I KNOW, BUT COME THIS WAY...



ALL THE MILK AGAIN, PR. SHAPIRO?

IT WAS JERRY, FROM ACCOUNTING.

THERE IS NO "JERRY" FROM ACCOUNTING.

IT WAS THE DOG.



HERE'S WHERE THE REAL MAGIC HAPPENS. THE ROBOTICS DIVISION. YOUR DIVISION, ANDY.

MINE?

READY? LET'S SEE WHAT'S BEHIND THESE DOORS.



ANDY BHANG! SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT. HI, TONY STARK.



WELCOME TO MY CHOCOLATE FACTORY.

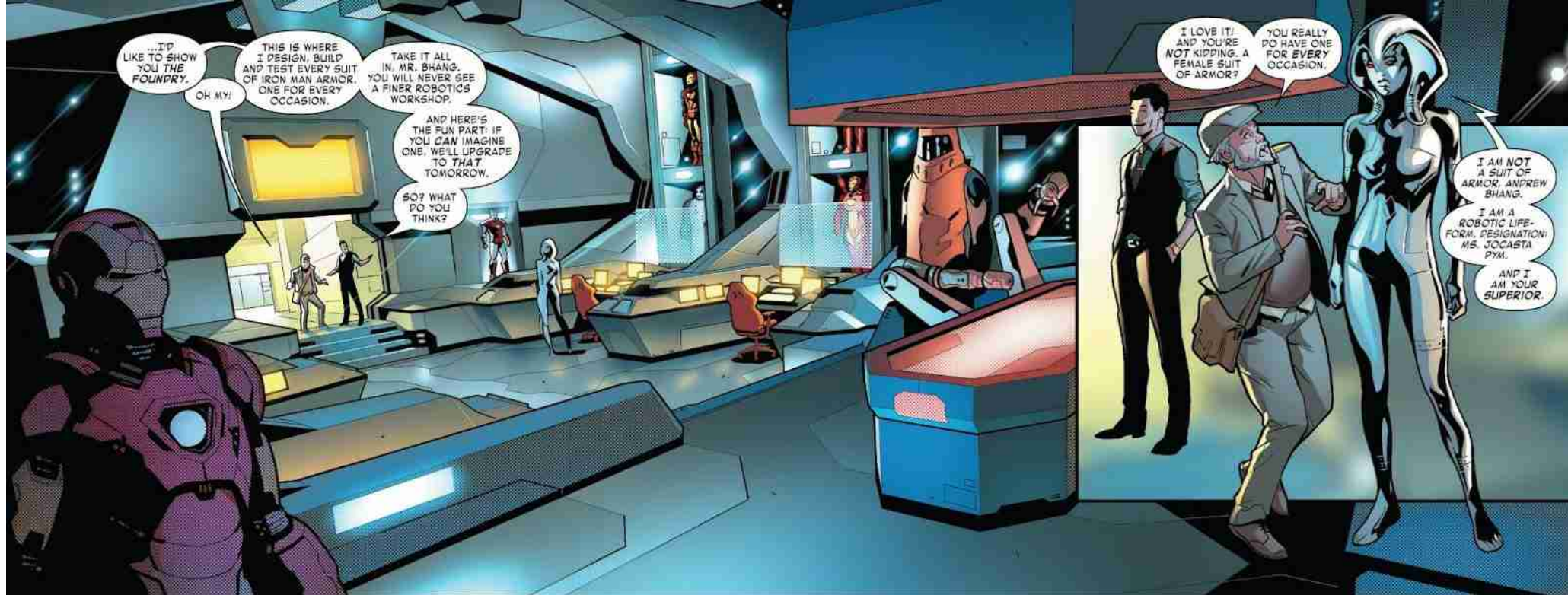


THAT OTHER TONY--

HOLOGRAM. THE WHOLE TIME.

THE WHOLE--

I'M A BUSY MAN. FOR ME, THAT'S LIKE SENDING A MESSAGE TO A FRIEND.



FOUR MINUTES LATER...



"FIN--

"--FANG--"

FOOM!

"WELL, THAT'S NICE.
WE'RE FINISHING EACH
OTHER'S SENTENCES.

"I ESTIMATE TWELVE
MINUTES 'TIL FOOMZILLA
THERE MAKES LANDFALL.
SOMEONE GET ME COLONEL
RHODES ON THE LINE. NOW."





SORRY,
ANDY. THE REAL
TONY STARK HAS
LEFT THE
BUILDING.

I NEED A
CLOSER LOOK
AT THIS.



YEAH,
SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT
HERE.

NO SPARKLING
DIALOGUE. NO
PURPLE PANTS. IS
IT JUST ME...

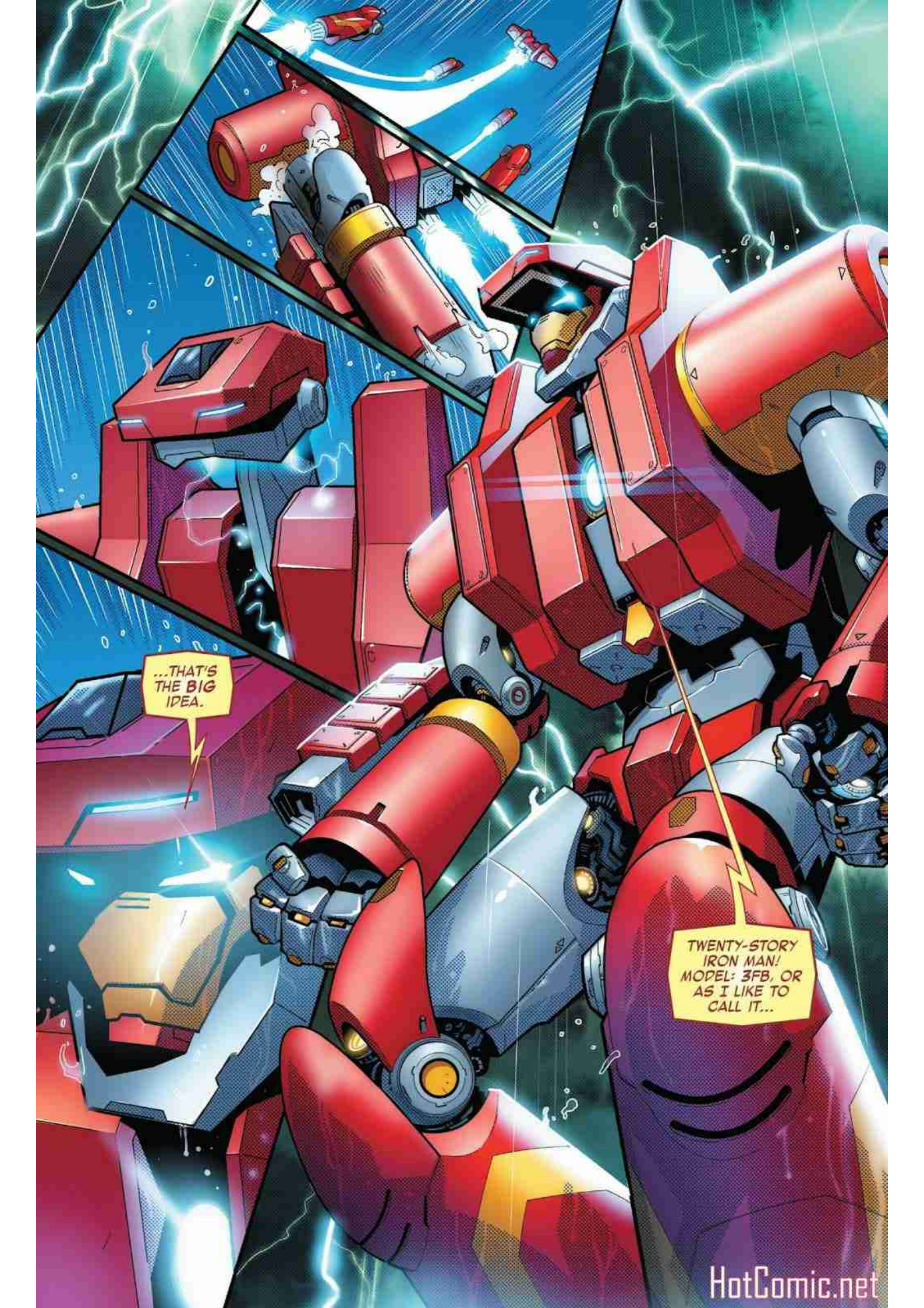
...OR IS HE
BEING VERY
UN-FINNY,
UN-FANGY AND
UN-FOOMY?



THAT'S YOUR
PROBLEM?

BRASS HAS
SIGNED OFF ON
WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT
PLANNED. BUT MAYBE
YOU SHOULD SUIT
UP WHILE YOU'RE
AT IT.

WAY
AHEAD OF
YOU, RHODEY.
IN FACT...



...THAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA.

TWENTY-STORY
IRON MAN!
MODEL: 3FB, OR
AS I LIKE TO
CALL IT...

THE FIN FANG
FOOMBUSTER!

KTCHUNG





AAAND THE
BIG GUY'S
DOWN! EJECT!

OKAY,
LET'S RETHINK
THIS. BIGGER'S NOT
ALWAYS BETTER,
SOMETIMES...

...YOU STICK
WITH WHAT
WORKS.

LET'S
TRY THE
LIFE-SIZED
MODEL.

RWARRR

THERE WE GO.
MAYBE THE
RIGHT TOOL FOR
THIS JOB--

--IS A
SCALPEL.







I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THAT MICRO-POD YOU FIRED...

...WHY DID YOU ONLY HAVE ONE NANOBOT INSIDE? YOU COULD'VE BROUGHT THOUSANDS.

I DID. THE PROBLEM IS FIGURING OUT A WAY TO MAKE THEM ALL WORK IN TANDEM...

...WHILE FOLLOWING JOCASTA'S SET OF ETHICAL PROTOCOLS.

THIS IS MY FAULT. I WASN'T READY FOR THIS.



THAT'S IT! STARK! YOU ARE READY--OR YOU WERE--YEARS AGO! THAT'S HOW YOU DID IT!

HUMAN, WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

THE ROBOTS DON'T NEED A COMPLICATED COMMAND STRUCTURE. JUST A BEAT. SOMETHING TO SYNCOPATE TO.

JOCASTA, I NEED YOU TO DOWNLOAD THIS SONG OFF THE NET.

FIRST, YOU MUST FOLLOW THE PROPER ETHICAL PROTOCOL.

UM... PLEASE?



CORRECT, ANDY. YOU'RE LEARNING. DOWNLOAD COMPLETE.

THANK YOU.

NOW IF YOU COULD PLEASE BROADCAST IT THROUGH THE LEAD NANOBOT'S SPEAKER SYSTEM?



ALL THESE YEARS I
THOUGHT YOU WERE
JUST SHOWING
OFF, STARK.

BUT IT WAS NEVER
ABOUT FLAIR OR
STYLE...IT WAS A
FEATURE.

HIT IT!

Y'ALL READY
FOR THIS?! ♪



MADE IT TO THE
BRAIN STEM.
AND WHAT HAVE
WE HERE?

A
CONTROL
DISK!

SO THAT'S
WHAT'S BEEN
UN-FINNING AND
UN-FANGING OUR
MISTER FOOM, ANY
SUGGESTIONS?

SAVING
THE DAY WITH
TINY DANCING
ROBOTS.

I THINK
YOU'RE GOING
TO FIT IN QUITE
NICELY, ANDY
BHANG.

...A PELE
BICYCLE
KICK?!



FOR OLD
TIMES' SAKE?
HOW ABOUT...



HA! YOU
GOT IT!
GOOOOAL!





"...IT'S
SHOWTIME."

TELL ME,
HOW AWFUL DO
I LOOK RIGHT
NOW?

OBJECTIVELY?
AROUND
98.4%.

OH MY.

I HAD NO
IDEA I'D BE
ON THE NEWS
TODAY.

MR.
STARK!

OVER
HERE!

TONY!

WE WANT TO
ASSURE EVERYONE
THAT THE CRISIS IS
OVER. NEW YORK
IS SAFE.
AND OUR
SUBDIVISION **STARK
SOLUTIONS** IS ALREADY
HARD AT WORK ON THE
CLEANUP.

ANY
QUESTIONS?

HERO INSIDER
NEWS. YOU'VE BEEN
SPOTTED USING A
LOT OF DIFFERENT
ARMOR DESIGNS
LATELY.

WERE
TODAY'S SUITS
THE NEW STATUS
QUO?

IS THIS WHOLE
BIG-MEDIUM-
SMALL ANGLE THE NEW
HOT TAKE ON
IRON MAN?



WHAT? NO. DEAR GOD, NO.
NESTING POLL IRON MAN IS NOT A THING.
DON'T MAKE THAT A THING.



BUT IT IS NANITE BASED, RIGHT?
LIVING METAL?
WHERE'S THIS YEAR'S MODEL?



YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE IT?
I GOT IT RIGHT HERE.
JUST SAY MY NAME.



TONY STARK!
TONY STARK!
TONY STARK!
TONY STARK!

SO CLOSE.



YOU GOT THIS.
WHO AM I?



YOU'RE IRON MAN!



THIS IS IRON MAN.

IT'S NOT A SUIT.

IRON MAN'S AN IDEA.



EVER CHANGING. AND LIMITED ONLY BY OUR IMAGINATION.

I SAY "OUR" BECAUSE IRON MAN IS AN IDEA WE ALL SHARE AT STARK UNLIMITED.



IT'S ALL OF US AND EVERYTHING WE DO HERE. WE ARE TEAM STARK AND...

WE. ARE. IRON MAN.

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP



HEH. I'M WORKING FOR TONY STARK.

TECHNICALLY, YOU'RE WORKING FOR ME, MR. BHANG. A ROBOT. IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?

COMPLETELY. AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS...IT'S JUST NICE TO BE ON THE WINNING TEAM.

THE END.

NEXT_

TONY STARK IRON MAN

#2



Tony has been holding back an enormous secret since his return, and there's only one person on Earth he'd trust it with: James Rhodes. This will change everything.

A strange new development for Jocasta, the return of the Gauntlet and the arrival of Tony Stark's new rival, Sunset Bain. All this and the power of the Manticore, the most powerful assault vehicle in the Marvel Universe!

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DEFINITELY
NOT THE END.

STARK'S A
SMART MAN
SURROUNDED
BY SMART
PEOPLE.

AND
HE'S SEEN
MY CONTROL
DISK.

BY NOW
HE KNOWS **THE
CONTROLLER**
IS PLAYING
HIM.

THE
QUESTION IS:
DOES HE KNOW
HOW?



DO YOU
HAVE IT
FOR ME?

EXCELLENT.
I KNEW IF
ANYONE COULD
BYPASS STARK'S
SECURITY...

YES, ALL
THE ACCESS
CODES FOR HIS
PET PROJECT:
THE ESCAPE.



...IT WOULD
BE THE GENIUS
WHO DESIGNED
IT.

I...SHE...
WILL CATCH ON.
EVENTUALLY.

DOUBTFUL,
MS. CABE. BECAUSE
FIRST YOU'D
HAVE TO CATCH THE
ONE PERSON YOU
COULD NEVER
OUTSMART...

...YOURSELF.

TO BE
CONTINUED.
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